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For the American Citizen. I

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

" It is too provoking! After all the enjoyment I had promised myself, to be so much disappointed. I was sure that papa would take us to New Orleans to purchase our Christmas presents, as he used to do, and after we got back we heart on that."

"Well, Margaret, mamma says we shall have some of our friends with us, but she thinks whilst there is still so much sorrow and suffering in our country that is not proper to indulge in extravagance and mirth."

"That is true enough, I suppose, Kate, and we have those hateful Yankees to thank for all the misery we endure. I should like to know if wickedness de serves punishment, why they don't come to the end of their chapter of prosperity? I think it is time. I don't understand why we are so wretched, and they so happy and successful in everything they undertake. I am afraid they are never going to be panished for their crimes."

" Why really, Mag, you have not as much faith in God, as the old Romans had in their deities. Don't you remember what Cæser says? "That the immortal Gods are accustomed to grant longer prosperity to those whom they intend to punish for their wickedness, in order that they may be more afflicted by the change." Those are not exactly the words, but that is the idea. You women always forget what you learn-I don't see much use in educating women."

"Oh, Philip, for shame. Pray tell me how you would get along without mam Whenever you have anything very hard in Latin you know you come to her for belp. You shouldn't take airs, sir, and talk in that contemptious way about nomen. It's my opinion that most women have more sense than men."

"Oh yes, my sweet little sister, and a leetle more vanity too, but-" Philip was here interrupted by the entrance of Mrs Travers; she, baving heard the foregoing conversation, from an adjoining apartment, now joined her children, and said. "I am sorry, my dears, that you are disappointed in your plans of amusement. Under different circumstances your desires should have been gratified. You know that both your father and myself, have hitherto endeavored to make this season of peace and good will from heaven to man, an occasion of especial happiness to those around us, and Christmas has always been associated in your minds with images of pleasure. Nor do I in tend that it shall be otherwise this year. I have a pleasant surprise for you on Christmas eve. But remember, whilst we have been peculiarly blest, how many desolate homes, how many broken hearts, how many bereaved households there are throughout the land; and, that the best way to show our gratitude to God for his goodness to us, is to do all that we can to increase the happiness of those less blest than ourselves.

You speak of the prosperity of the Northern people, as though, you considered success and Auppiness synonomous. That is a mistake. The successful bad man is not happy. The sentiment you expressed is founded in want of faith in God's justice. Let me read from the book I bold in my hand, what a celebrated author says on the subject. "We still fall into the error of which the Prophet so long ago complained, "we call the proud happy," and the wicked fortunate, and our hearts are too apt to rise at their success. We pretend indeed that they rise with indignation; but is it not to be feared that with this indignation is mixed a little envy, a little rebellion against God? Though God may be pa es the beautiful residence, whose hospittient with triumphant wickedness, he does not wink or connive at it. God has always the means of punishment as well as of pardon in his own hands. But to could be borne cheerfully; but the well settled by January 1st, 1886. punish just at the moment when we beloved son has fallen a sacrifice upon would burl the bolt, might break in on a his country's alter and the mother is left livery of Goods. scheme of Providence of wide extent and alone. The elder Dunbar was your Canton, Miss., and J. B. Morey, Jackson, will be indefinite consequences. "They have father's intimate friend and his son bore settled at the original amount without addition of drunk their hemlock," says a fine writer, your father's name. We have prevailed interest, "but the poison does not work." Perhaps on Mrs. Dunbar to come with us that we the convulsion may be the more terrible may try in some degree to supply the

for the delay. Let us not be impatient place of what she has lost. Now you to accomplish a sentence which infinite have my secret." justice sees right to defer. Let us think struction."

A visiter being announced, Mrs. Tra- Fires being kindled, the mother and their usual avocations.

Kate, as well as "mama and papa," were gance and comfort. who had lost an arm during the latter man can paint. part of the war.

he precious engravings.

"Yes, you shall soon be told and 1 anticipate for you."

"What can it be ?"

"Wait awhile, and you will learn." "Now come with me, girls," and o saying, Mrs. Travers led them into a delightful chamber, where everything seemed to have been prepared for the reception of a favorite guest. I have a few improvements to make in this apartment and you must assist me. Kate, go to Willson and tell him to send me as many heliotropes, mignonettes and roses as he can afford from the green house, with some geraniums, and you must gather some violets from the garden.

"Oh! mamma who is coming ?" "Guess."

I cannot tell. Maggie help me to guess." "Run girls and bring the flowers first,

said their mother. Whilst they obeyed, Mrs. Travers placed over the mantelpiece a finely executed likeness of a young man whose practical and intellectual face was worthy the study of an artist. Around the plain but rich oval frame, she wreathed a garland of gray moss intermixed with holly berries, and whispered as she

> " He lives immortal : and for him We need not shed a tear; Re wears a golden disdem In a celestial sphere.

The girls now returned. That moment they saw the picture, which always bung in their mother's room, they guess- Dec 33-2:] ed the secret. "Oh I know now, Mrs. Dunbar is coming ! is she not mamma? How happy I am. Don't you remember Kate her beautiful house in Cand her plants and birds and the pictures that Philip went into raptures over ?"

"Yes, but above all I remember how PAYS CASH FOR COTTON! grandly Mr. George, as we called him, played upon the organ in the music room; but he is dead now! Mamma, how can his mother do without him ? She seemed almost to worship him, and he was so polite and affectionate to her. Whenever I looked at him I used to think about the Chevalier Bayard. I think mamma that Mr. Dunbar must have been like some of those noble old knights of

whom you were reading the other night." Stationery "He was indeed a noble young man Kate, and proved himself during our war to be like Bayard, "sans peur et sans re- ons, Harness, &c.

**Supplier no longer nosses. \$12,000 Salt, Flour, Corn, Bacon, Family Groce able doors were ever open to receive the stranger and friendless, as well as those she ORDERS FROM HEADQUARTERS OF THIS DATE: loved. The Yankees destroyed all. That Men

"You have indeed given us an agreemore of restraining our own vindictive able surprise, I would rather see Mrs. tempers, than of precipitating their de- Dunbar than have twenty parties or visit New Orleans either.

vers left the room, and the sisters and children left the room, which everthing brother after some surmises concerning that ample means, fine tastes and the "Christmas eve surprise" went about warm hearts could devise, had rendered beautiful to the eye and charming Time sped on. Magaret, Philip and to the mind, the very embodiment of ele-

occupied in making secret preparations One tableau more. Christmas eve for the "bappiest day of all the year," to came as Crhistmas eve should, with this happy family. No one was forgot its frosty air and bright stary skies; ten. The poor and sick were always the cold without but increasing the especially remembered. Philip, a very enjoyment of the comfort within enthusiastic young rebel, used often to In the cheerful drawing room with its become eloquent in repeating to his sis- rich crimson draperies, its luxurious ters scrape of English and even Latin chairs, graceful ornaments, all brilliant verses, in honor of those who had "fought, with the glowing light of the blazing fire, bled and died" in their country's service, Mrs. Travers awaited her friend. Notshould have a large party-I had set my and would go into heroics over ever sol- withstanding its almost sumptuous ap dier he saw; and now that peace had pointments, the spartment had a home come before he had an opportunity of look. Flowers and books, a few choice fighting himself, (as besaid) the really paintings and music gave token that brave and generous boy, determined cultivated minds presided there. The to appropriate all his savings in the windows opening to the ground upon s purchase of some articles of win- fine lawn, adorned by a few magnificent ter clothing for a deserving young man old trees, presented to the eye a living whom the family had long known, and picture more exquisite than the hand of

The sound of a carriage was heard and Philip had evinced considerable talent a few moments afterwards Mr. Travers infor drawing, and he had been for some- troduced Mrs. Dunbar. The two friends time saving his money to purchase a se- were soon clasped in each other's arms, ries of fine engravings which he greatly and as Philip and his sisters listened to the admired. But this cherished scheme kind, manly words of welcome, spoken by was cheerfully given up, that he might do their father, and remembered his various something to make poor Jim Harper plans for the benefit of some who had sufcomfortable. The boy was a hero al- fered by losses during the war, they felt ready, although he did not know it; for as they never had done before, the holy it cost him no little struggle to give up beauty of the divine declaration, "It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Christmas eve at last came. "Tod-ay Well was their father obeying the injuncwe shall know "your secret," mamma," tion "to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God in well pleased," and of many happy hope will derive all the gratification I Christmas, they numbered this as the happiest.

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Dec. 20, 1965.

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repeated.
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